



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Department Road Excavation Moratorium Policy

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Purpose: To provide standardized guidance on Road Excavation Moratoriums for the protection of new pavements on Sandy City public roads.

Background: Pavement construction, reconstruction and overlays are necessary to establish and/or maintain the structural integrity of our roadways. The cutting of pavements in the course of utility work is problematic to the roadway in that it degrades the integrity of the pavement, base and sub-grade due to subsequent water intrusion and the inability to restore the various components of the roadway to their original condition. As a result, the design life of the roadway is shortened resulting in the need for earlier maintenance and increasing the overall life cycle cost of the roadway. The cutting of new pavements also demonstrates poor coordination by and with utilities, as well as the negative perception given to the public. The following guidelines are provided to help minimize early excavation in new roadways.

Guidelines: Except for emergencies (waterline breaks, etc.), a three year moratorium on the cutting of new pavements applies to the following roads:

- A. New roads.
- B. Reconstructed roads where the roadway has been completely or partially reconstructed, to include road widening, resulting in a new pavement surface.
- C. Overlaid roads where hot mix asphalt of any thickness has been applied.

This moratorium will support the required one-year warranty the City requires for Public Works Capital Improvement Projects.

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Date: _____

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